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PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES—S. 782

HON. MIKE GRAVEL

OF ALASKA

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Friday, February 7, 1969

Mr. GRAVEL. Mr. President, the distinguished senior Senator from North Carolina (Mr. ERVIN) deserves our highest commendation for his efforts on behalf of the rights of our civil servants. More than that, he deserves our full cooperation in the swift enactment of S. 782—S. 1035 in the 90th Congress.

In joining with Senator ERVIN and 52 other Senators in the cosponsorship of his bill, I wrote a letter to Senator ERVIN which may well be of some general interest.

I therefore ask unanimous consent that the full text of the letter be printed in the Extensions of Remarks.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, D.C., January 31, 1969.

Hon. SAM J. ERVIN, JR.,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: I am happy to have the opportunity to join you in the sponsorship of S. 1035, a bill to protect the rights of government employees. We have for too long winked at the abuses which your bill is designed to eliminate. You deserve the gratitude of all Americans for your gallant efforts to bring a fuller measure of privacy and dignity to government workers.

We simply cannot permit basic freedoms which are at the heart of our democratic system to be compromised, whether in the name of personnel management, psychological research, technological advancement, or, for that matter, anything else that I can think of.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

MIKE GRAVEL.

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